Girls' basketball

Raiderettes split in first week of play

Coach Mary Tolley's varsity Raiderette basketball team split games in their first week of play, losing Tuesday's season opener 43-38 to Gretna, then defeating William Campbell 52-29 Thursday evening.

Gretna built a 19-9 lead in the first half, using a fast break which the Raiderettes had difficulty adapting to. In the second half, the Raiderettes came back, fighting their way to within five points of the lead. "We used a strong press and pretty well controlled the boards at both ends in the second half," Tolleys said.

Still, the Gretna lead carried the Hens through to the end of the game, and the final result was a 43-38 Gretna win.

For the first game of the season, Tolley said she was not particularly unhappy with her team's performance. "Our inexperience, especially in the back court was apparent," she said.

Sandra Watkins led Raiderette scorers with 23 points. She was followed by Sally Coleman with six points, Kaye Brown with four points, and Lisa Pannell with three points.

Tolley said that poor shooting percentages were as much responsible for the Raiderette loss as inexperience. "We shot only 19 percent from the floor, and 37 percent from the foul line," the coach noted.

Thursday's game against William Campbell was an entirely different story for the Raiderettes. The Appomattox team lead 18-15 at the end of the first half, and the Raiderettes outscored William Campbell 34-14 in the second half.

"We shot 34 percent from the floor against William Campbell, a big improvement over Tuesday's 19 percent," Tolley said. She added that Sally Coleman pulled down 22 rebounds against William Campbell, an apparent school record.

Watkins again led Raiderette scorers with 17 points. Kaye Brown scored seven for Appomattox, Nina Abbitt scored nine, Bev Bennett and Sally Coleman scored six each, Lisa Pannell, Delores Smith and Janice Foster each scored two points, and Aretha Johnson scored one point for the Raiderettes.

Tolley was particularly pleased with the balance of scoring among team members, and commended the defensive play of Coleman, Brown and Pannell. The coach said that she was also pleased with the Raiderettes' out-rebounding William Campbell, 51-28.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Jefferson Forest Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Thursday, the local team will play Nelson County at home. The Jayvee game will begin at 6 p.m., and the varsity game will start at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Andre McCoy (left) and Dwayne Patterson

McCoy, Patterson named jayvee Players of the Week

For their efforts in the junior varsity Raider football team's winning season opener last week, Andre McCoy and Dwayne Patterson have been named the Raiders' jayvee Players of the Week.

Patterson was the offensive Player of the Week for the junior varsity team. He carried the football a total of 19 times, picking up 179 yards for the Raiders' offensive attack. He also contributed to the Raiders' defensive efforts, making seven tackles from his cornerback slot against Price Edward.

Andre McCoy was named by the junior varsity coaches as defensive Player of the Week in last week's game against Prince Edward.

McCoy made 12 tackles, including five unassisted stops, to lead the Raider defense in the game.

He also made a sizeable contribution to the team from his fullback position on offense. He carried the football seven times for 63 yards.

McCoy and Patterson both scored two touchdowns for the Raider junior varsity team in their first game and their first win of the 1983 season.

Against Prince Edward

JV gridders win first game

The Raider junior varsity football team won its first game of the 1983 season last Wednesday, a 28-12 victory over the jayvee team from Prince Edward County High School.

Appomattox took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, when fullback Andre McCoy crashed across the Prince Edward goal line from eight yards out. The Raiders missed the extra point attempt, however.

The Raiders scored again in the second quarter on an 11-yard run by tailback Dwayne Patterson, and took a 12-0 lead off the field with them at half time.

Prince Edward came back in the third quarter with a score of their own to cut the Raiders' lead to 12-6, but the Appomattox team turned around and scored shortly thereafter, on a three-yard burst by Andre McCoy, to make the score 18-6. The Raiders were successful on the two-point conversion attempt when quarterback Jeff Motley hit slotback Timmy Turner with a pass for the extra points.

Prince Edward came back once again with a score in the fourth quarter, making it a 20-12 game, but the Raiders followed suit, when Dwayne Patterson broke away from the line of scrimmage and scampered 87 yards for the Raiders' fourth touchdown of the day.

Once again, quarterback Motley passed for the two extra points, this time hitting split end Gary Scruggs for the points. The second touchdown by Patterson was the final score of the game, and the Raiders had started their season with a 28-12 win when the gun sounded ending the game.

Patterson, with 19 carries for 179 yards, and McCoy with seven carries for 63 yards led the offense for the Raiders. Motley completed nine of 12 passes for 90 yards against Prince Edward.

Tight end John Fedison caught six of Motley's passes for 46 yards, Gary Scruggs had two catches for 42 yards, and Timmy Turner caught one pass for eight yards. The Raiders had a total of 255 yards rushing, and 90 yards passing against Prince Edward.

On defense, Andre McCoy led the Raider pack with 12 tackles at his linebacker position. Dwayne Patterson had seven tackles at cornerback, Keith Fanney had six tackles at linebacker, and Scotty Moore had five tackles at the noseguard spot.

McCoy, Larry Trent and Keith Robinson all recovered fumbles for the Raiders, and cornerback Ricky Dickerson intercepted a Prince Edward pass.

"We saw our strengths and weaknesses come out in this first game," noted Raider jayvee coach Howard Clabough. "Their quarterback was good, and showed us that we need to work on our pass defense."

Clabough added that he was happy that most of the team members got a chance to gain playing experience in Wednesday's game.

For their efforts against Prince Edward, Andre McCoy and Dwayne Patterson were named the players of the week for the junior varsity first game.

This week, the Raiders are scheduled to paly Randolph-Henry today (Wednesday) at Randolph-Henry. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Dove season to begin

Mourning doves, those feathered gray meteors which herald the beginning of hunting season for Virginia sportsmen, will become fair game for hunters in the Old Dominion this Saturday (Sept. 10) at noon.

The dove season is split again this year, with the first half of the season running from Sept. 10 to Nov. 5, and the second half beginning on Dec. 19 and ending on Dec. 31.

Shooting hours in the first half of the season will again this year be noon to sunset, and in the second portion of the season, doves may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

The bag season on mourning doves this season is unchanged from last year: hunters are allowed to take 12 birds per day and have 24 in possession.

Sportsmen are reminded that a Virginia state hunting license is required to hunt doves, and hunters must have written permission to hunt on posted land, and oral permission to hunt on non-posted private land.

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Team faces Randolph-Henry Friday

Raiders battle Gretna to 12-12 tie in season-opening grid game

The Raider varsity football team surprised many around the Seminole District Friday night, using a versatile offense and balanced defense to battle a tough Gretna High School team to a 12-12 tie.

Indeed, early on in the game, it looked as if the Raiders might dominate the contest. Appomattox scored first in the first half, when Gary Ferguson bulled his way across the goal line following a 57-yard drive to paydirt.

The Raider defense clamped down on Gretna's offensive attack in the first half, holding the Hawks to a total of eight yards rushing.

In the second half, however, Gretna began to warm up, and in the third quarter, tied the score on a three-yard plunge. The Hawks began to pick up the Raider defensive secondary apart with a variety of passes, but one of those tosses found its way into the hands of Patrick Carroll, who marched unscathed 27 yards into the Hawk end zone for the Raiders' second score.

The extra point kick went through the uprights, but was nullified because of a penalty, and the second attempt was unsuccessful.

Gretna's second score, which tied the game, was a methodical march to the end zone marked by a clever mixture of passing and running plays. Hawk quarterback Robert Locust scored on a keeper from two yards out with less than two minutes to play. The Raider defense then tightened down, preventing the two-point conversion attempted by the Hawks which would have given Gretna the win.

"We feel that, overall, the boys played well," Raider Coach Gary Cuccio said after the game. "However, we feel there are mental mistakes we must eliminate if we are to become a good, consistent football team."

The Raiders had a total of 205 yards rushing against Gretna, and picked up 53 yards passing for 205 yards total offense. Appomattox picked up 10 first downs in the game, and was penalized five times.

Gary Ferguson was the leading rusher for Appomattox, with 17 carries for 156 yards. Steve Hamlett had 16 carries for 54 yards, and Tyrone Abbitt had two receptions for 19 yards against Gretna.

Cuccio also commended the play of Ricky Turner, who intercepted two passes and had three tackles and three assists on defense.

This Friday night, the Raiders will square off against Randolph-Henry in a non-district game with a tradition of great rivalry.

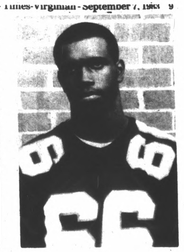
Randolph-Henry lost to William Campbell last Friday night, but Campbell had to battle from behind to record the 7-6 win.

"Randolph-Henry is always a tough game," Cuccio said this week.

"The fact that William Campbell, a team picked by many as one of this year's Seminole District contenders, had to fight back from behind to win last week's game shows how tough Randolph-Henry is."

The game will begin at 8 p.m. this Friday night at Bragg Stadium in Appomattox.

Carl Banks
Linebacker



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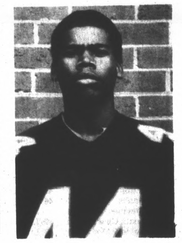

Tyrone Abbitt
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'Players of the Week'

Four gridders honored

Four members of the Raider varsity football team were honored this week for their efforts in Friday night's season opener against Gretna.

Gary Ferguson and Tyrone Abbitt were named varsity Backs of the Week, and Carl Banks and Ricky Miller were named varsity Linemen of the Week.

Ferguson carried the ball 17 times to gain 156 yards against Gretna, and scored one of the Raiders' two touchdowns.

Abbitt had seven tackles and three assists on defense, and had two receptions for 19 yards on offense.

Banks had six tackles and eight assists from his position in the interior line against the Hawks, and Miller had seven tackles, three assists, and two quarterbacks sacks from his defensive end position against Gretna.

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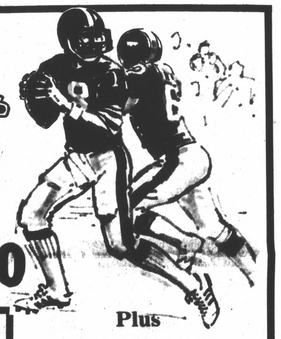

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